

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
DECEMBER 16, 2025**

8 PRESENT

Vice-Chair White called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken; those present were.

Clinton – Schemers
Camanche – Varner
Goose Lake – Mattis

Clinton County – Irwin
Andover – White
Low Moor - Goldensohn

DeWitt – Chrones
Delmar – Goodall

We have 8 votes present; 5 votes needed for majority and 6 needed for a super majority.

Clinton County made a motion to approve November 13, 2025, minutes. Clinton seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Clinton made a motion to approve November 23, 2025, minutes. Camanche seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Thanks to staff and caterer for preparing the Christmas food. Any audience member is allowed to partake, also.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR: Delmar made a motion to approve the Unanimous Consent Calendar. Clinton County seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

- A.** DNR Appliance Demanufacturing Inspection (12/9) – Bert Noll of DNR Field Office # 6 inspected the Appliance Demanufacturing operation last Tuesday. Other than the high number of appliances present to be processed, Noll had no major issues he shared. The official report has not been issued.

DeWitt asked about the 270-day rule. Seward indicated we are tracking the 270-day rule for appliance storage as best as possible.

DeWitt: asked if there was any concern expressed by inspector? Seward: No immediate issues were noted.

- B.** Household Hazardous Materials Shipment (12/3)
A hazardous waste shipment went out on December 3rd. This shipment was comprised of a box truck full of household hazardous waste. Another shipment will likely go out in the late spring or early summer.
- C.** Hiring/Cross-Training Updates – We received over 100 applications for the Assistant Site Supervisor's position. Finishing sorting through applicants and preparing for interviews.

On December 10th, I took the appliance demanufacturing class through SCS and I am now certified to assist with the processing, as needed.

Clinton: How many times does SCS offer Appliance Demanufacturing offer that class? 4-5 times per year.

DeWitt: How long does it take to demanufacture an appliance? Todd Courtney from SCS explained some of the ins and out of demanufacturing. Seward said items with refrigerant take longer and must be done above 45-degree temperatures. It could take up to 45 minutes per refrigerant item, sometimes.

Seward: Capacitors, mercury items, refrigerants must be removed. Small appliances such as microwaves can take 15 Minutes to take apart properly.

Andover asked if working a Saturday would help. Seward: Current staff member is working every day to demanufacture these items. Appliances are coming in every day, too. That's why we are looking to hire additional staff.

DeWitt: Are there still Jackson County appliances coming in? Yes, individually, not in large loads.

Clinton: Doors need to be off of refrigerators and freezers. Andover: Why? Seward: Food in appliances.

As for cross-training, I am preparing a plan to execute.

D. January 2026 Board Meeting – Election of Officers / Board Packets

A quick reminder to anybody leaving the board to make sure your replacement gets his/her contact information to CCASWA for communications. Otherwise, please make sure your city clerk or responsible official knows to send over the new board member's contact information. January is also typically when the board selects officers.

E. Christmas & New Years' Holiday Hours

ATTACHMENT # 1

CCASWA's facilities will close at NOON on Wednesday, December 24th, 2025, in observance of Christmas Eve. The Agency will be closed ALL DAY Thursday, December 25th, 2025, for Christmas Day.

CCASWA's facilities will close at NOON on Wednesday, December 31st, 2025, in observance of New Year's Eve. CCASWA will close ALL DAY on Thursday, January 1st, 2026, for New Year's Day.

F. Natural / Real Christmas Tree Disposal

ATTACHMENT # 2

The agency will once again accept real or natural Christmas Trees for free from Clinton County residents from December 26th through January 10th. These will be ground into wood mulch.

G. Christmas Light Recycling

ATTACHMENT # 3

Worn out Christmas lights are accepted through the metal recycling program. The wiring contains metal. This program goes for light strands and wiring year-round.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Christine Collier and Todd Courtney of SCS: ATTACHMENT # 1

A. Landfill Monitoring Update - A deadline extension request for the North MSWLF Unit 2025 Annual Water Quality Report of December 31, 2025, was approved by the DNR on December 2, 2025. A draft of the report will be submitted to the CCASWA Director prior to this date for review and approval.

B. Remote Monitoring Control System - Panel construction is currently in progress. Installation is currently estimated for the week of January 12, 2026.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Rittmer, Inc. - No report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS:

Delmar has a new hauler, AT Disposal. Goose Lake also going to AT.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. SCS Airspace Review Discussion / Potential Action
Before you is the airspace report from SCS.

PROPOSAL # 1

Collier: Explained maps in handout. 25-40 feet to fill in some areas. There are some areas of overfill, too.

DeWitt: How concerned do we need to be about overfilled areas?

Collier: If you closed it would be an issue, if expanding to a cell next to that area, then it won't be overfilled because you will be building on abutment.

DeWitt: How many sites managed by SCS are overfilled? Collier: This site is typical.

Andover: Asked about areas in purple. Seward: explained those areas are being filled. Landfills typically rise in trapezoid like fashion. Collier: Bring up in uniform layers. Filling from bottom up.

Collier explained overall compaction. 1703 lbs. per cubic yard. An increase from previous surveyed period. It took us a while to make sure numbers were correct. It's a combination of work in northeast corner to address stormwater. May be settlement. An expansion survey was done in March also for the lateral expansion. From March to July, it's likely closer to 1400 lbs. per cubic yard.

DeWitt – Good number. At the rate they're going it could lead to a bonus.

Collier talked about compliance being important also. SCS did a brief inspection of the working face and there are daily cover deficiencies.

Clinton County: Send Rittmer communication and let them know they are not meeting compliance.

Clinton: Need a paper trail.

DeWitt: follow Iowa guidelines.

Clinton County: asked how survey was conducted? Collier: Drone survey and tonnage information provided from scale.

Clinton County: Rittmer hasn't covered in a few days? Todd Courtney talked about some scenarios. It appears that cover possibly has not been applied for about a week. Courtney: Some intermediate cover areas need some addressing also.

Andover: asked if there is a boss or foreman figure here every day? Seward: Jordan Sherwood.

Courtney: Made a comment that tarp machine does help but does not appear to be used recently.

Clinton: Make comments in writing.

DeWitt made a motion to approve the airspace report as presented. Camanche seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton – Schemers - Yes
Camanche – Varner - Yes
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes

Clinton County – Irwin- Yes
Andover – White - Yes
Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

DeWitt – Chrones - Yes
Delmar – Goodall - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

- B. Public Drop Off Discussion – I know that this has been discussed before. One of the reasons this topic of expansion of the PDO has not been discussed is because of current financial constrictions. We are in the middle of two consecutive fiscal years in which we will be building a cell or cells. My plan is to bring this topic back up after cell construction is finished.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Potential Recycling Fees at Scott County Facility Discussion **ATTACHMENT # 5**

The recycling markets have been experiencing a downturn. While we have a surplus now with Scott County, it's expected the surplus will not last beyond 6-9 months. They are working with all who haul to them on a new financial model. What is being suggested to us is a flat \$10 per ton fee, instead of

potentially paying based on the market fluctuations. This topic was briefly discussed with the Executive Board last month. The email briefly explains that if \$10 per ton more than covers the cost, then we could get a refund toward the end of the fiscal year. All told we average about 2700 tons per year shipped to Scott County. That in turn would mean about \$27,000 paid to Scott County per year. For the out of county materials, which is charged for, we have taken in about \$21K for the calendar year. (~466 tons)

Would the board want to make a decision on this or think about this?

DeWitt: What other choices do we have? Seward: we could ship to Dubuque, but they don't bank anything, you pay the market fluctuations and they don't accept glass.

Seward: This will take effect July 1st.

Clinton said we should table this for next month with the new board in place.

Clinton County: asked about the funding. Seward: We've been up to \$90K in the negative to Scott County and worked our way out of that situation to a positive position of \$23K ahead. Seward: markets are weakening. Similar funding model will go into place for Davenport and Bettendorf. We ship Scott County around 2700 tons per year.

Clinton: table and come back with trucking fees.

Clinton County: take a load almost every day? Seward: 3-4 days per week.

Clinton County: What do we charge for recycling? No charge for Clinton County residents. Out of county \$45 per ton.

DeWitt: what if we just took Clinton County? Seward: That's a board decision.

Discussion is tabled.

B. SCS Lateral Expansion Contract Amendment – Drilling **PROPOSAL # 2**
Before you is the Lateral Expansion Drilling Contract Amendment proposal.

Collier: 11 borings will be needed to support expansion with information. Drilling is \$95,600 estimated on time and materials. Cost could come in less. \$19,900 for well development and testing.

This will support all three expansion areas.

Camanche: we'll need to do that.

DeWitt: Where are we pulling this from? Seward: This is in the budget already.

DeWitt: Working to permit another 45 years in addition to the current footprint? Yes.

Low Moor made a motion to approve the Drilling Proposal. Clinton County seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton County – Irwin- Yes

Andover – White - Yes

Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

DeWitt – Chrones - Yes

Delmar – Goodall - Yes

Clinton – Schemers - Yes

Camanche – Varner - Yes

Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

- C. 2026 Landfill Cell / SCS - Scope of Services Contract Discussion – SCS does not have a proposal for this topic but would like to discuss the issue.

Collier: I wanted to have a proposal for the cell you wanted to construct. I can't in good conscience build cell 3 at this time. I need to make sure that the leachate line in Phase 1 and 2 is functional. If it's not functional then cell 3 will require some further work instead of forcing more water down a bad pipe potentially. May have to build part of E-2 instead.

Clinton County: We voted last month to get price for both E-2 Cell and Cell 3. Collier: It's not about the price, it's about if the line is functional.

Collier: HK worked to jet the lines. We were going to have to camera the line. There's liquid in it. Rittmer is pumping that line every day. We've determined that if we go back up the slope and get back out of water, then we can check on functionality.

Collier: HK is on call to see if there is a blockage in the pipe with their camera. The goal is to get a proposal to you by the next meeting to see if we build Cell 3 or E-2 instead.

DeWitt: Talked about increasing costs. We still don't have an answer yet. How much would it cost to dig out another pipe?

Collier: everything is buried and there are no easy answers. This is just not cheap work to have done. Basically the jetting needs to be done every three years. We need answers so that's why want to camera. Then we can talk to DNR about this issue.

DeWitt: I really want to be on the west side and not an east side band aid.

Andover: We all want that, but may not be able to.

DeWitt: we wanted to explore whether we could build both cells.

Clinton County: either we need to make sure the pipe is good or build the part of E-2.

Collier: If we can buy a year, then we can work to get the west cells permitted and then if we had to we could put the new leachate pipe in and go west. If you can't wait a year, then you may need to construct the portion of E-2. Seward: in a worst case scenario the E-2 construction would have to take place.

DeWitt made a motion to move forward with Proposal # 3 for Jetting and Camer work. Seconded by Clinton. Roll call vote was taken.

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Delmar – Goodall - Yes
Clinton – Schemers - Yes

Camanche – Varner - Yes
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Motion passes 8-0.

- D. ICAP Cyber Security Policy Proposal – ICAP/Core-Vens Discussion – Our Insurance is supposed to be quoting us \$250K and \$1 Million in Cyber Security Coverage. I have yet to receive these quotes. Going to have address the issue next month. DeWitt said if we need help filing out forms or answering questions, then to contact OMC. Item tabled.
- E. Scrap Metal Recycling Services Discussion – This topic was requested by a couple of board members. Currently we utilize Alter Metal in Clinton for scrap metal and demanufactured appliance recycling. The request is that we shop around and see if we can find slightly better rates. Clinton: lets check to see if

there are better options out there. Clinton County: Named off a few companies to talk to. Seward will check around and see what options are available.

- F. Recycling Skid Loader Update – Our recycling skid loader is back in the shop being repaired. This is 2021 purchase and is not even close to being on schedule for replacement. This machine has been in the shop for significant repairs a few times. Frankly, I think it's time to start looking for a new machine. Based on our interactions with Bobcat, I would not go that route this time. I think we need to look for a bigger machine.

Seward: We have worked on repairs. Can't seem to find the problem. Would like to look for an articulated wheel loader.

DeWitt: Looking to get prices? Seward: Yes.

Clinton County: Wheel Loader will be safer. Named off several dealers.

Would fix and sell the Bobcat.

Got the blessing to go shopping.

- G. SCS /HK Leachate Camera and Additional Jetting Proposal **PROPOSAL # 3**
Addressed under Item C.

- H. Weather Closure – Saturday Extended Hours Discussion - This item was placed on the agenda at the request of the Clinton representative.

Clinton: It's in the contract, if there's a weather closure lasting the full weekday, then we can open the for the larger haulers to be open on Saturday.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS:

28E Levy From Clinton County:

Clinton County: I don't know how that levy is going to work going forward.

DeWitt: As far as the governor is concerned, you're going to pay.

Discussion on topic stopped.

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until January 8th, 2026, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:37 PM.